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The Field Museum
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Weekly Staff Newsletter
February 26, 1999

Thanks to all who helped with *Hogs in the Hall*

On behalf of the Field Associates we would like to thank the following individuals and departments for their help in making the *Hogs in the Hall* event a huge success:

Cindy Andresen
James Atkinson
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Helen Green
Housekeeping
Lisa Miller
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Sheldon Moy
Amanda Reeves
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Security Services
Visitor Services
Ruben Villanueva
Diane White

Everyone who staffed or attended *Hogs in the Hall*

With your help we were able to transform Stanley Field Hall into a veritable biker's playground for over nine hundred of Chicago's young professionals. It was certainly a night to remember!

Partygoers were able to wander through *The Art of the Motorcycle* exhibit, enjoy an electric biker fashion show, indulge in a variety of food and drinks, and dance the night away to the sounds of a very energetic live band. For some, the event provided a chance to revisit the museum they knew as a child. Still, for many the evening presented the first opportunity they have taken to visit the Museum. For all, it was a chance to see this valuable Chicago institution in a whole new light. As you know, this is one of the goals of the Field Associates. Thank you again for helping us achieve this goal!

Submitted by
Amanda Geppert
Stephanie Powell
Janet Young

FIELD NOTES

Week of March 1

Public Events/Special Events

Museum Open Until 8 p.m. Monday

Illinois Mycological Association
- Monday 6 p.m., MWH

Botanical Drawing Course
- Wednesday 4 p.m., Clrm B

Music Theater Workshop
- Wednesday 5 p.m., Clrm C
  Thursday all day, Clrm C
  Friday 5 p.m., Clrm A
  Sunday 1 p.m., LH2

Museology
- Thursday 12:30 p.m., Clrm B

Group Overnight
- Friday 5:45 p.m., entire Museum

Motorcycle Film Series
- Saturday 11 a.m., 3 p.m.
  Sunday 1 p.m., 3 p.m.

Staff/Volunteer Events

Aerobics Class
- Tuesday & Thursday 5 p.m.
  Ground Floor, East Stairwell

Education Volunteer Opportunities Showcase
- Saturday & Sunday all day, Clrm C

We are deeply saddened to report that **Lori Breslauer** lost her baby, Kevin Scott Moore, last week. As you can imagine, this is a very difficult time for Lori and her husband, Steve. They send their appreciation for all of the support they have received from friends at The Field. They are overwhelmed and very comforted by all the expressions of sympathy shown to them. Many people have expressed interest in making a contribution to Lori and her family or on their behalf to a charity. **Sophie Twichell** of Academic Affairs will accept these contributions and offer it to Lori and Steve so they can use the donation as they see fit. If you would like to make a contribution, please contact Sophie at ext. 494 before March 1, 1999.

Submitted by **Carole Kasarda**

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Voight speaks to researchers, students in Texas

Associate Curator of Zoology **Janet Voight** recently returned from somewhere flatter than Chicago – Lubbock, Texas. Janet was in Lubbock to deliver an invited research seminar to the Biological Sciences Department at Texas Tech University and to speak at a luncheon for high school students interested in science at *Science Day '99*. This regional event attracts people from 100 miles around and has continued with support from Texas Tech University, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, the Biological Sciences Education Program and Region 17 Educational Service Center. *Science Day '99* was attended by an estimated 370 high school students and 70 science teachers. In addition, Janet and Dr. Marilyn Houck of the Texas Tech Biological Sciences department chaired a morning-long workshop on gender equity in science for 25 female participants.

Gray to attend Smithsonian seminar

Jaci Gray (Center for Cultural Understanding and Change) is one of fifteen people who have been selected to attend the Smithsonian Institution's Center for Museum Studies *Diversity, Leadership and Museums* seminar. It is a one-week seminar to be held at the Smithsonian in March.

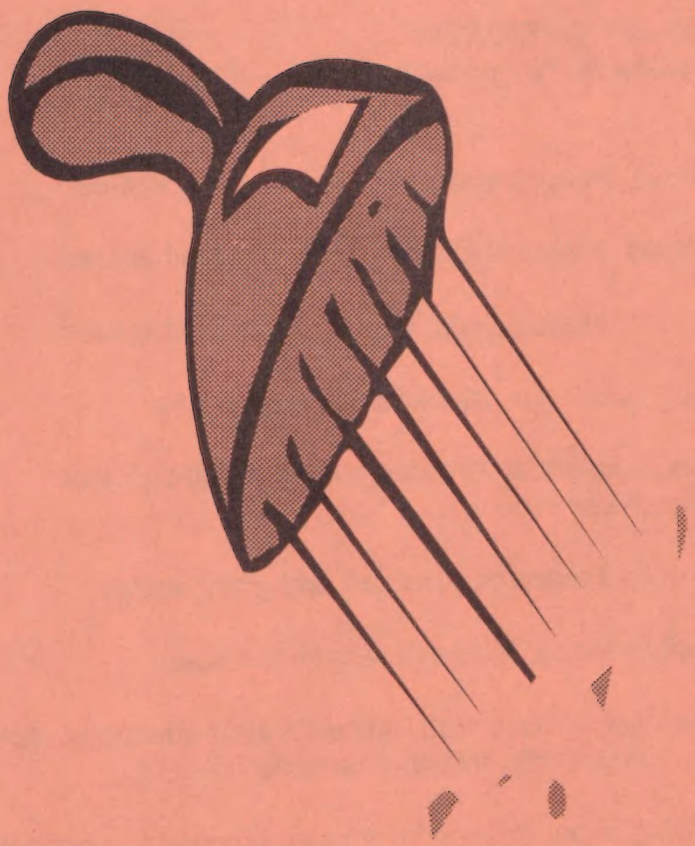
Wali presents research at CDC in Atlanta

Alaka Wali and her co-author Leith Mullings (CUNY) presented the major findings of their research on the social context of pregnancy in Harlem, NY. They were invited by the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta to give their paper "The Social Contexts of Pregnancy among African American Women: Implications for Pre-term Delivery Prevention." The paper was part of a major conference held by the CDC February 17-19.

Steve McCarroll square for the AIDS quilt

Anyone interested in helping with this project please let us know, and we'll find an evening that's best for the most people. Please call or e-mail one of us with when you can or can't make it.

Robin Wagner, ext. 245 (Project Millennium), rwagner@fmnh.org
Elaine Zeiger, ext. 338 (Geology), zeiger@fmnh.org



New Shower Facilities

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony:

Friday, February 26, 1999 at 3:00pm

Be sure to come for the grand tour.

Located on the ground floor down the hall from the Cashier's Cage.

- Performance enhancing snacks will be provided.

FINANCE STAFF OVERVIEW

Who does what, and who to contact when

Dana Brink (366)	Policy issues, budget questions, and funding issues
Judy Burns (447)	Contributions, investments, and property fund issues
Sue Jarrold (358)	Contributions, investments, and property fund issues
Tom Geary (278)	Purchasing questions, places purchase orders
Lorraine Petkus (214)	Purchasing and encumbrance questions, places and deletes purchase orders
Lisa Wodis (542)	Lawson project manager, budget and grant issues
Tanya DeSalle (438)	Budget, attendance, financial reporting issues
Paula Robinson (258)	Supervises accounting staff, answers staff questions, does wire transfers, assists with any banking needs
Eve Kurek (543)	Gets packing slips, checks for proper account #, signature on invoices and Payment Approval forms, sends payment approval form to department staff contact
Jocelyn Vaval-McGlorthan (221)	Gets mail, stamps invoice with date, sort invoices, checks file to match invoice to PO and packing slip, enter invoice information, including discount and terms
Randy Smith (538)	Enters invoice information, including discount and terms
Marcellous Henderson (221)	Enters invoice information, including discount and terms
Karen Little (544)	Handles travel advances and travel expenses, and all other items under the Business Expense Forms
Joe Halik (540)	Contributions and bank reconciliation
Janiece Hemphill (534)	Cashier

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Visitor Serv. Cashier Training - all day & night - L H 2 AFC - 4pm to 10pm - ClrmsA,B IL Mycological Assoc. - 6pm to 11pm - Mont. Ward Hall	2 VSTraining - all day/night-LH2 HR Mtg-8am to noon -LH 1 2 of Us- 8am to noon- Clrm A AFC - 8am to 2pm - Clrm C and 4pm to 10pm - Clrms A,B,C Zoology 9am to 4pm - Clrm B Pub. Serv Wksp - 1:30pm to 2:15 - Clrm A	3 Visitor Serv. Cashier Training - all day & night - L H 2 M. Film - 11:30am to 2:30pm- Mont. Ward Hall Botanical Art & Drawing Course - 4pm to 10pm - Clrm B MTW - 5pm to midnight - Clrm C	4 Visitor Serv. Cashier Training - all day & night - L H 2 MTW - midnight to 4pm-ClrmC Museology - 12:30pm to 4pm - Clrm B AFC - 4pm to 10pm - Clrms A, C, and Mont. Ward Hall	5 Visitor Serv. Cashier Training - all day & night - L H 2 M. Film - 11:30am to 2:30pm- Mont. Ward Hall A. Orlov - 2pm to 3pm - Clrm C MTW- 5pm to 9pm - Clrm A GROUP OVERNIGHT - 5:45pm to next day.....Entire Museum	6 Ed. Volunteer Opportunities Showcase - All day & night - Clrm C Underground Adv. Train. - 8am to 4pm - Mont. Ward Teacher Prog. - 10am to noon - Clrm A
7 Ed. Volunteer Opportunities Showcase - All day & night - Clrm C Motorcycle Film - 10am to 4pm - Mont. Ward Hall MTW- 1pm to 5pm - L H 2 AFC - 4pm to 10pm - Mont. Ward Hall	8 Ed. Volunteer Opportunities Showcase - All morning - ClrmC AFC - 4pm to 10pm - Clrms A,B Nature Camera Club - 7:30pm to 10:30pm - L H 2	9 2 of Us- 8am to noon- Clrm A AFC- 8am to 2pm - Clrm C and 4pm to 10pm - Clrms A, B, C Zoology 9am to 4pm - Clrm B IL Dept. Of Natural Resources - 1pm to 2pm - Mont. Ward Hall Pub. Serv Wksp - 1:30pm to 2:15 - Clrm A	10 Motorcycle Film - 11:30am to 2:30pm- Mont. Ward Hall MTW - 5pm to 9pm - Clrm A	11 Museology - 12:30pm to 4pm - Clrm B Pub. Serv Wksp - 1:30pm to 2:15 - Clrm A AFC - 4pm to 10pm - Clrms A, B, and C	12 CPS Early Childhood - 8:30am to 5pm - L H 2 Motorcycle Film - 11:30am to 2:30pm- Mont. Ward Hall	13 DINOSAURS AND MORE Festival - 11am to 3pm - Mont. Ward, LH 2 & Clrm A Underground Adv. Train. - 8am to 4pm - Clrm C
14 DINOSAURS AND MORE Festival - 11am to 3pm - Mont. Ward, LH 2 & Clrm A MTW- 1pm to 5pm - Clrm C and 4pm to 7pm - LH 2	15 DINOSAURS AND MORE Festival - 10am to 1pm - Mont. Ward, LH 2 & Clrm A Chicago Ornithological Society - 6:30pm to 9:30pm - LH 2	16 2 of Us- 8am to noon- Clrm A AFC- 8am to 2pm - Clrm C and 4pm to 10pm - Clrms A, B, C Zoology 9am to 4pm - Clrm B Bell School - 10am to 11am - Mont. Ward Hall Pub. Serv Wksp - 1:30pm to 2:15 - Clrm A	17 Motorcycle Film - 11:30am to 2:30pm- Mont. Ward Hall HR - Staff Movie Night - 5pm to 9:30am - Mont. Ward Hall MTW- 5pm to 9pm - L H 2	18 MTW- 10am to 2pm - LH 2 Museology - 12:30pm to 4pm - Clrm B Pub. Serv Wksp - 1:30pm to 2:15 - Clrm A AFC - 4pm to 10pm - Clrms A,C	19 MTW - 10am to 5pm - L H 2 Motorcycle Film - 11:30am to 2:30pm- Mont. Ward Hall GROUP OVERNIGHT - 5:45pm to next day.....Entire Museum	20 Underground Adv. Train. - 8am to 4pm - Mont. Ward PIP (DCFS) - 8am to 2pm - Clrms A, B, and C
21 M. Mee Workshop - 9am to 4pm - Clrm B Volunteer Film Series - 12:30pm to 5pm - Clrm C Norwich Univ Alum. - 1pm to 4:30pm - Mont. Ward Hall MTW- 1pm to 5pm - LH 2 AFC - 4pm to 10pm - Clrm A	22 VS Cashier Training - All day & night - L H 2 Finance/Auditors - 8am to 4:30pm - Clrm C	23 VSTraining - all day/night-LH2 Finance8am to4:30pm Clrm C Zoology 9am to 4pm - Clrm B Pub. Serv Wksp - 1:30pm to 2:15 - Clrm A Adult Course - 4pm to 10pm - Clrm C AFC - 5pm to 10pm - Clrm A,B	24 VS Cashier Training - All day & night - L H 2 Finance/Auditors - 8am to 4:30pm - Clrm C Motorcycle Film - 11:30am to 2:30pm- Mont. Ward Hall	25 VS Cashier Training - All day & night - L H 2 Finance-8am to 4:30pm-ClrmC Museology - 12:30pm to 4pm - Clrm B Pub. Serv Wksp - 1:30pm to 2:15 - Clrm A Adult Course-4to 10pm- Clrm A	26 VS Cashier Training - All day & night - L H 2 Teacher Wksp/Piccolo School - 8am to 3pm - Clrms A,B,C Motorcycle Film - 11:30am to 2:30pm- Mont. Ward Hall	27 WILD IN CHICAGO - All Day - Clrm C; 1pm to 5pm - Clrm A,B, and LH 2
28 WILD IN CHICAGO - 8am to 5pm - Clrms A, B and C	29 WILD IN CHICAGO - 8am to 5pm - Clrms A, B and LH 2 Finance/Auditors - 8am to 4:30pm - Clrm C NCP - Amphibians - 6pm to 7:30pm - Clrm A	30 WILD IN CHICAGO - 8am to 5pm - Clrm A and LH 2 Finance/Auditors - 8am to 4:30pm - Clrm C Zoology 9am to 4pm - Clrm B AFC - 4pm to 10pm - Clrms A, B, and C	31 Finance/Auditors - 8am to 4:30pm - Clrm C Chicago Herp. Society - 7pm to 10pm - L H 2			

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Museum open until 8:00pm	2	3	4 Badams Motorcycle Grd Flr/Exh/JST 5:30pm-10:00pm 300 Executive Prod.-SFH/Rice/AOM 6:00pm-9:00pm 200	5 JByrnes-Overnight Jthymes-Rice 10:00am-1:00pm 45	6 SBell-Motorcycle Film-JST 8:00am-3:00pm Omni Youth-SFH 350 Motorcycle Activities Day-SFH 11:00am-3:00pm LDini-Motorcycle Exh 8am-10am
7	8 Museum open until 8:00pm	9	10 Underground Adventure Staff Preview – Ground Flr 2:30pm – 4:30pm Lsanders- Searle- 3:00 – 7:30pm	11 U. of I-Rice/JST 5:30pm-9:00pm 100	12 IL Assoc of Defense Trial Lawyers-SFH/Rice 5:30pm-200	13 Dinos & More (Dino Days)SFH/JST 11am-3pm SPowell-Field Assoc-SFH 3pm-12:00am
14 Dinos & More-SFH/8am-3pm Chicago Flower Show/Navy Pier	15 Svandenbosch-UnderGrd Adv – SFH/Grd Flr 5:00pm-10:00pm Dinos & More-8am-3pm Museum open until 8:00pm Jkrynytzky-JST 7am-3pm Chicago Flower Show/Navy Pier	16 SVandenbosch-Undergrd Adv –SFH/Grd Flr 6:00pm-10:00pm Chicago Flower Show/Navy Pier	17 SVandenbosch-Undergrd Adv – SFH/Grd Flr 6:00pm-10:00pm Chicago Flower Show/Navy Pier	18 Lsanders-Searle 3pm-7:30pm Cinema Academy- 10am-1pm	19 JByrnes-Overnight Chicago Flower Show /Navy Pier	20 Members Preview – 10:00am-3:00pm Spirit of 76 –SFH 6:30pm-10:00pm 900 Chicago Flower Show/Navy Pier
21 Lsanders-Searle Lounge/Motorcycle Exh. 6:00am-10:00am Lsanders-Searle 5:30pm-7:30pm Pkremer-Undergrd Adv-9pm-6pm	22 PWrenn-Undergrd Adv – SFH/Grd Flr 5:30pm-8:30pm Museum open until 8:00pm Undergrd Adv Symposium-JST 8:00am-2:30pm Ageppert-JST/Rice 8am-8pm	23 Ageppert-SFH/JST/Rice 5pm-12:00am 225	24 Wilderness Society-SFH/Underground Adv.	25 SNash-Society for Amer. Arc. –SFH 5:00pm-10:00pm 500 LDini-Exh. Preview-Underground Adv	26 Swebb-SFH 9am-8pm Mlarson-Rice 11:30am-12:30pm	27 Wild in Chicago-SFH/Grd Flr/UA/Rice 10am-9pm
28 Wild In Chicago- Whole Museum SAA-JST 2:00pm-5:00pm 300	29 Wild In Chicago - Whole Museum Museum open until 8:00pm	30 Wild In Chicago – Whole Museum	31			

To Field Museum staff,

I have accepted a position at The Chicago Historical Society and February 27 will be my last day as a full-time employee here at The Field. I've enjoyed some wonderful experiences in my soon-to-be fourteenth year here. This was largely due to the camaraderie shared with many of my co-workers Museum-wide. I will always remember the helpfulness shown to me through the years in getting the job done.

Thank you sincerely,
Jessie Thymes

Thank you!

Thanks to all Field Museum staff members who assist in making our monthly Dinosaur Festivals a success. The January *Dinosaur Sizes* Festival and February *Dinosaurs in Africa* Festival offered interactive performances, scientist demonstrations, hands-on activities and interpretive cart programs.

A special thanks to the following staff: **Bob Cazy, Ron Hall,** and **Mentee Teah** in Audio-Visual, **Phil Parrillo** in Zoology, **Greg Buckley** and **Jim Holstein** in Geology, **Kathleen Donofrio, Paula Ramos** and **Baxter Swilley** in Education, and the entire staff from Engineering, Housekeeping, Maintenance, Security and Visitor Services. Additional thanks are extended to the Green Light Performing Company for developing and performing the popular, interactive play *A Paleontologist Tells All* and to **Brandon Linden** who serves as an activity leader. Finally, thanks to the volunteers who tirelessly staff these festivals.

The cooperation and commitment of everyone was greatly appreciated!

Submitted by **Nicole Royal** and **Sue Stott**

Oops ...

As often happens when we try to acknowledge everyone's assistance, we inevitably overlook someone. Additional thanks are extended to three members of the Anthropology Department Collections staff who were instrumental in providing the artifacts on special display at the culinary cart during African Heritage Festival. Thank you **Barbara Burkhardt, Chris Philipp** and **Jenna Parrish**!

Submitted by **Sue Stott**

$$ FINANCE FORUM $$

A big thank-you to everyone who took the time to meet with **Lisa Wodis** in our informational sessions for the new Finance forms system. We feel that the process was useful in demystifying some fairly simple changes, and hope that representatives who spoke with Lisa were able to return to their departments and share what they learned with a solid understanding of the new procedures.

Enclosed in this issue of the *Natural News* is a contact sheet detailing who in Finance to get in touch with regarding various issues. As always, feel free to call the appropriate person with any questions you may have, and to call Lisa with any questions about the new forms and system changes. Again, thanks to everyone for such a productive week of meetings, and we will continue to do whatever we can to smooth this transition.